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RECORD of the Distribution and Sale of Lots in the town of LOSANTIVILLE* [now Cin- cinnati], 1789-90.

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THE section (No. 18) and fractional section (No. 17) on which the town of LOSANTIVILLE* (now the city of *Cincinnati*) was laid out, were purchased in January, 1788, by MATTHIAS DENMAN, of Springfield, Essex county, New Jersey, from Judge JOHN CLEVES SYMMES, who had, the previous year, patented the whole region between the two Miamis extending back from the Ohio river to a line which would include six hundred thousand acres. Mr. DENMAN with a party of others interested in these Miami lands, started from New Jersey, in July, 1788, to commence the set-

* So named by Mr. Filson, schoolmaster and surveyor, L-os-ANTI-VILLE, intended to mean, town opposite the mouth of the Licking, General Arthur St. Clair, Governor of the North Western Territory, on his first visit to the place, January 2d, 1790, changed it to *Cincinnati* in honor of the Society of the Cincinnati of which he was a prominent member.

* *See also Henry Denman 7294, 38. p 53-4*
for origin of name, 11180

tlement. They arrived at Limestone (now *Maysville Kentucky*) about the middle of August. DENMAN went to Lexington, and there entered into an agreement with Col. ROBERT PATTERSON and JOHN FILSON, to lay out a town on his purchase and establish a ferry. In the end of September, these proprietors with Judge SYMMES, ISRAEL LUDLOW and a considerable party, arrived opposite the mouth of the Licking, and commenced the survey. Messrs. SYMMES, PATTERSON, FILSON and a number of the men went back into the country to examine the interior of the purchase, while DENMAN with LUDLOW and his surveyors took the meanderings of the Ohio from the Little Miami down. On the 5th of October, Mr. FILSON strayed from his party when about five miles from the Big Miami, and was killed by the Indians. This so deranged their plans that they all returned to Limestone, where DENMAN entered into a new agreement, with PATTERSON and LUDLOW, substantially the same as the one to which FILSON was a party. DENMAN returned to New Jersey, and PATTERSON to Lexington.

In the end of December, Mr. LUDLOW having completed his plat of the proposed town, returned with a party of surveyors and others to mark the lots and commence the settlement. On the 7th of January, 1789, the drawing took place for the donation lots, being one in-lot and one out-lot to each of the first thirty settlers, under the following agreement :

“CONDITIONS on which the donation lots in the town of LOSANTIVILLE are held and settled.

“The first thirty town and out lots to so many of the most early adventurers shall be given by the proprietors, Messrs. DENMAN, PATTERSON and LUDLOW, who for their part do agree to make a deed free and clear of all charges and incumbrances excepting that of surveying and deeding the same so soon as a deed is procured from Congress by Judge SYMMES.

“The lot-holders for their part do agree to become actual settlers on the premises; plant and attend two crops successively and not less than one acre shall be cultivated for each crop and that within the term of two years—each person receiving a donation lot or lots shall build an house equal to twenty feet square one storey and half high with a brick stone or clay chimney which shall stand in front of their respective in-lots and shall be put in tenantable repair within the term of two years from the date hereof.

“The above requisitions shall be minutely complied with under penalty of forfeiture, unless Indian depredations render it impracticable. Done this seventh day of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine.”

Mr. LUDLOW, as agent of the proprietors, kept a

RECORD OF THE DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF LOTS,

during the year 1789 and 1790, giving the names, the numbers of the lots, and the prices paid.

This Record I propose to publish, with a copy of the plat, an account of the settlement, and sketches of the early adventurers. With this intent, I have collected from time to time considerable material, but much is still wanting, and I now appeal to our old citizens and the descendents of these pioneer families for any information they can give me respecting them.

I desire *your* co-operation in the collection of all facts relating to *any* of the persons named in the following list, which embraces every name on the Record, but would especially request that you will furnish me with as full a statement as possible of all you know or can learn with reference to *those families with which you may be related*.

I will be obliged to you if you will make a thorough examination of all family papers and records within your reach and give me the result of your investigations, stating concisely and chronologically, all facts, names, dates, and incidents, such as

Place and date of birth, marriage and death.

The maiden name, with place and date of birth and death of wife or wives.

The names, places and dates of the birth and death of their children.

The various residences of each, and dates.

Occupation or profession.

Their services in the Indian wars.

Date, term of service etc., of any office of trust or honor they may have held.

Copies of old wills, letters, memoranda or family records, relating to them in any manner. If you have not time to make copies of these and will entrust them to me for a short time, I will make copies of such as I can use, and safely return the originals to you.

I also desire access, for consultation, to any of the early newspapers printed in Cincinnati, as, doubtless, much valuable information can be gleaned from them, especially respecting those who remained here, in incidental notices, obituaries, advertisements, etc.

Your early attention to this will oblige,

Yours Respectfully,

Robert Clarke.

CINCINNATI, *May*, 1870.

NAMES on the Record of the Distribution and Sale of Lots in the town of *Losantiville*, 1789-90.

(The names of the original Proprietors are in SMALL CAPS, of those who drew the first thirty donation-lots in *italics*.)

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| 1. Adams, Dr. | 20. Brown, Thomas. |
| 2. Adams, George. | 21. Bruen, Thaddeus. |
| 3. Adams, John. | 22. Brunton & Doherty. |
| 4. Atchison, Henry. | 23. Burd, Moses. |
| 5. <i>Badgeley, Neab.</i> | 24. Burns, James. |
| 6. Baker, Mahlign. | 25. Caldwell, Robert. |
| 7. Barns, Stephen. | 26. <i>Campbell, James.</i> |
| 8. Bates, Daniel. | 27. <i>Campbell, Matthew.</i> |
| 9. Bates, Isaac. | 28. Campbell, William. |
| 10. Beazley, William. | 29. <i>Carpenter, James.</i> |
| 11. <i>Bechtel, Henry.</i> | 30. Cavender, Garret. |
| 12. Beedle, William. | 31. Cheek, John. |
| 13. Benham, Richard. | 32. Cochran, Thomas. |
| 14. Benham, Robert. | 33. Coleman Ephraim. |
| 15. Black, Thomas. | 34. Colwell, James. |
| 16. Blackburn, James. | 35. Cook, Peyton. |
| 17. <i>Blackburn, Samuel.</i> | 36. Cooper, Daniel C. |
| 18. Blanchard, John. | 37. Coulson, John. |
| 19. Bostwick, Truman. | 38. Covert John. |

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| 39. Cummings, John. | 66. <i>Freeman, Isaac.</i> |
| 40. Cunningham, James. | 67. Freeman, Samuel. |
| 41. Cutter, John. | 68. <i>Fulton, Jesse.</i> |
| 42. Cutter, Joshua. | 69. Funk, Adam. |
| 43. Cutter, Seth. | 70. Garrison, Abraham. |
| 44. Danalds, Matthew. | 71. Gates, Uriah. |
| 45. Darling, Edward. | 72. <i>Gizzel, Thomas.</i> |
| 46. Davis, Jonathan. | 73. Goald, James. |
| 47. Davis, Elijah. | 74. Gowen, William. |
| 48. <i>Davison.</i> | 75. Gray, Archibald. |
| 49. DENMAN, MATTHIAS. | 76. Greves, George. |
| 50. Devin, William. | 77. Griffen, John. |
| 51. Dillan, William. | 78. Hamblen, Joel. |
| 52. Doharty, (Brunton &). | 79. Hardesty, Hezekiah. |
| 53. Dorough, William. | 80. Hardesty, Uriah. |
| 54. <i>Dument, Benjamin.</i> | 81. Harris, William. |
| 55. <i>Dument, James.</i> | 82. Harway, James. |
| 56. Ellis, John. | 83. Hedger, William. |
| 57. Farnum, Russell. | 84. Hcooleson. |
| 58. Ferguson, Captain. | 85. Hinds, Robert. |
| 59. FILSON, JOHN. | 86. Hole, Daniel. |
| 60. Finlay, Joshua. | 87. Hole, Dr. John. |
| 61. Finley, Elijah. | 88. Hole, William. |
| 62. Fitts, Jonathan. | 89. Holland, Edward. |
| 63. Flinn, Benjamin. | 90. Holt, Jerum. |
| 64. Ford, Lieutenant Mahlon. | 91. Hunt, Israel. |
| 65. Fowler, Jacob. | 92. Hunt, Nehemiah. |

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| 93. Johnston, Nicholas. | 120. McClure, Mary. |
| 94. Joice, David. | 121. McClure, William. |
| 95. Jones, Nicholas. | 122. <i>McConnel, James.</i> |
| 96. Kearsey, John (or Kearney?) | 123. McCoy, William. |
| 97. Kelly, Joseph. | 124. McHendry, Enoch. |
| 98. Kelly, William. | 125. McHendry, Joseph. |
| 99. Kemper, Rev. James. | 126. McKnight, M. |
| 100. Kennedy, Francis. | 127. McLaughlin, Henry. |
| 101. Kennedy, Samuel. | 128. McLaughlin, John. |
| 102. <i>Kibby, Ephraim.</i> | 129. McMillan, William. |
| 103. Kingsbury, Lieutenant. | 130. Marshall, James. |
| 104. Kitchell, Bethuel. | 131. <i>Martin, Elijah.</i> |
| 105. Kitchell, Daniel. | 132. Martin Isaac. |
| 106. <i>Kitchell, Luther.</i> | 133. Martin, Margaret. |
| 107. Kitchell, Samuel. | 134. Martin, Samuel. |
| 108. <i>Lindsay, Harry.</i> | 135. Mellen, Luke. |
| 109. Lindsicourt, Cobus. | 136. <i>Menser, Jonas.</i> |
| 110. Logan, David. | 137. Mercer, Jonathan. |
| 111. Lore, John. | 138. Millan, James. |
| 112. Lowry, James. | 139. Miller, John. |
| 113. LUDLOW, ISRAEL. | 140. Miller, Moses. |
| 114. Ludlow, John. | 141. Mills, Jacob. |
| 115. Lyon, James. | 142. <i>Mooney, Samuel.</i> |
| 116. McClure, Daniel. | 143. Moore, Alexander. |
| 117. <i>McClure, David.</i> | 144. Moore, Robert. |
| 118. McClure, George. | 145. Morrel, Dr. |
| 119. McClure, John. | 146. Mott, Jesse. |

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| 147. Munn, Captain John. | 174. Rolstien, William. |
| 148. Murfey, George. | 175. Rood, Reuben. |
| 149. Murfey, John. | 176. Root, Asa. |
| 150. Neilson, Mr. | 177. Ross, Jonathan. |
| 151. Niece, George. | 178. Ross, John. |
| 152. Noon, Christopher. | 179. Ross, John, Jr. |
| 153. Orcutt, Darius. C. | 180. Ross, William. |
| 154. Parks, Andrew. | 181. Rusk, William. |
| 155. Parks, Culbertson. | 182. Sargent, Col. Winthrop. |
| 156. PATTERSON, COL. ROB'T. | 183. Sayre, Levi. |
| 157. Peck, Presley. | 184. Scott, David. |
| 158. Persons, Thomas. | 185. Scott, James. |
| 159. Philips, Jabish. | 186. Scott, Obediah. |
| 160. Pierson, Matthew. | 187. Seaman, John. |
| 161. Pierson, Samuel. | 188. Seaman, Jonas. |
| 162. Porter, John. | 189. Shaw, Niles. |
| 163. Potter, Enos. | 190. Sheets, Casper. |
| 164. Pratt, Captain. | 191. Shoemaker, Daniel. |
| 165. Pursley, James. | 192. Stewart, Archibald. |
| 166. Reed, Henry. | 193. Stewart, Jesse. |
| 167. Reeder, Jacob. | 194. Stebbins, Zeba. |
| 168. Reeder, Stephen. | 195. Strong, Captain. |
| 169. Richards, Thomas. | 196. Sullivan, Dennis. |
| 170. Riddle, John. | 197. SYMMES, JOHN CLEVES. |
| 171. Riddle, William. | 198. Tapping, Jacob. |
| 172. Ritchison, Abraham. | 199. Taylor, Henry. |
| 173. Rolstien, Nathaniel. | 200. Terry, Enos. |

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| 201. Terry, John, Sr. | 213. Van Nuys, Cornelius. |
| 202. Terry, Robert. | 214. Valentine, Benjamin. |
| 203. Tharp, John. | 215. Wallace, James. |
| 204. <i>Thornton, Joseph.</i> | 216. Warwick, Jacob. |
| 205. <i>Traverse, Scott.</i> | 217. Welch, David. |
| 206. Turner, Judge. | 218. <i>White, Sylvester.</i> |
| 207. <i>Vance, John.</i> | 219. Whiteside, Samuel. |
| 208. Van Cleve, Benjamin. | 220. Wiant, John. |
| 209. Van Cleve, John. | 221. <i>Williams, Joel.</i> |
| 210. Van Doran, Jacob. | 222. Winters. |
| 211. Van Eton, John. | 223. Wood, Amos. |
| 212. <i>Van Meter, Isaac.</i> | 224. Woodward, Levi. |

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